

# Shoplifters

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Many merchants faced with ever increasing losses by shoplifters have been taking steps to curb their losses by hiring detectives, installing wide angle mirrors and by educating their sales personnel to this problem.

These measures will act as a deterrent but what is also needed is to be able to reach the individual before they have become involved, so that they have a complete understanding of this problem and the hazards and pitfalls that await the apprehended offender.

A good reputation is something that takes a long time to build but it can be shattered in an instant by the simple act of shoplifting.

**PARENTS MUST** be called to task in this matter also. Decreasing parental supervision seems to be the mode these days—allowing their offspring more and more freedom from adult control or supervision.

It is a sad occasion when a parent has no idea where his sons and daughters are or with whom they are associating. This type of parental irresponsibility breeds trouble for all.

Right thinking customers, parents and citizens have a substantial interest in the efforts of retail merchants and law enforcement officers to curb this form of crime, since losses so sustained necessarily reflect themselves in the costs of conducting business, and so in prices paid for merchandise by all customers.

Our community too, is plagued by this problem. Relative inaction on the part of some otherwise responsible leaders has led to what amounts to condoning this type of activity.

IN ITS continuing efforts, the Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee, through the chamber of commerce, has solicited merchants to impartially report all shoplifters to the police. Parents are requested to help by refusing to allow their children to loiter in the business district.

Authorities realize that the teen-age shoplifter, particularly, must be curbed for the common good, lest he become the hardened criminal of tomorrow. Youngsters must be made aware of the seriousness of this act during their formative years so that good habits will be instilled in them.

The youthful offender must be directed along the right path to self-control, honesty and self-respect.

**LT. ROBERT SCHAULE**  
Chairman Youth Assistance Committee  
**WILLIAM E. ROBERTS**  
President B'ham Chamber of Commerce

## Hadassah Memorial To Honor Kennedy

Mrs. Louis M. Cooper, president of South Oakland county chapter of Hadassah, was one of 1300 chapter presidents around the country to receive the following telegram from their national president, following the death of President John F. Kennedy.

"In overwhelming grief and in tribute to our late president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, national Hadassah is establishing a memorial within the medical. This memorial will perpetually link the name of John Fitzgerald Kennedy with Hadassah's program of healing, teaching and research. Signed, Lola Kramarsky, National President."

The memorial will be located at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, on the edge of Jerusalem in Israel.

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# People's Column Letters

## Dallas Shots Hurt Us All

To the Editor:  
The assassin's bullet which struck down the President (and Governor Connally) hit more than these men—it also wounded ALL men, both here and throughout the world.

Dallas may now be temporarily a word synonymous with "hate," or "injustice"; but how does Birmingham sound when coupled with "Colored mads" or juvenile "Woodward speedsters?"

Can Birmingham, Michigan, be called better than Dallas? Have we erased all race strata or all unsupervised children from our reputation?

Will those who call Dallas vindictive naysayers also look to themselves and their own children? Will local parents also look to themselves?

Is it children who are wrong or parents who provide cars and money and indifference?

Where are we going?  
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## Laws

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lowered one or two years to age 19 or 20? By this time a boy or girl has been out of school for a couple of years and has had a chance to achieve some degree of responsibility and maturity.

AS A MEMBER of this "19-21" group, I am speaking from experience. We are not young kids out for a thrill, but we are forced to break a law to go out for entertainment.

If the members of the PTA Council and other groups would study this problem, I am sure they would come to realize our situation.

A Respectful law-breaker.  
**Letters from readers always are welcome. But they MUST be signed, although identities will not be divulged if the writer so requests.**

## Would Develop Apartments Near Bus, Rail Lines

To the Editor:  
On the same day that one Oakland County newspaper editorialized alarmingly on the sharp upsurge in highway fatalities, another published an article pondering the merits of multiple-dwelling and high-rise apartment units near a central business district.

A problem was stated and, unwittingly, a solution indicated. Traffic accidents increase because greater numbers of unqualified drivers are forced to depend on automobiles in lieu of steadily deteriorating public transportation facilities.

Perhaps some sort of national "goal" will have been achieved when everyone must depend on the automobile whether he wants to or not. But if traffic fatalities are at a tragic level today what will they be then?

SOMEHOW A WAY must be found so greater numbers can live within easy walking distance of public rail or bus transportation. It's questionable whether density of population anywhere in Detroit and suburbs is sufficient to justify increased service or extension of routes presently operated by commuter rail and bus lines.

For the present it makes better sense to bring more people close to the public transportation facilities we already have. Reasoning to permit more multiple-dwelling and high-rise apartment units near commuter train stops and bus terminals is a lot less costly.

Sensible development of apartment units will play an important role in reducing traffic accidents and preserving and expanding those public transportation facilities still in operation.

ART WEBER  
Royal Oak

Bees and wasps, like many other insects, have three tiny eyes at the front of their heads. These simple eyes probably do not see objects but do stimulate the bee to activity.

## IN CAFETERIA

# Derby Students Like Hamburgers, Pizzas

By TERRY GERMANSON  
Special Writer

Within the confines of Derby Jr. High is one of the largest eating establishments in the Birmingham area. The Derby cafeteria is heavily patronized by students who are offered a variety of choices.

Five one-half hour lunch shifts seem to give everyone time to eat with a fair amount of leisure and get back to class.

Hamburgers and pizzas are the favorite dishes of Derby students. Over 1,000 servings are sold on the days they are offered as compared to 800 on ordinary days. An average of 40 Type A salad lunches are sold each day, chiefly to girls who want a lighter meal.

AT THE HELM of this large operation are Ethel Danielson, School Lunch Manager, and Anne Turf, Assistant Manager. Additional assistants are Mildred Crabb, Sue Foote, Julia Eisler, Helene Vassel, Helen Collins, Mary Bruno, Virginia Grankie, Ruth Overby, Norine Hatt and Joyce Snapp.

Nine students are employed to assist in the cafeteria. For their labors, they receive a free lunch and weekly wages.

The snack bar offers milk, donuts, apples, ice cream and assorted offerings. It is set up for the benefit of those who bring their lunches. The hearing and vision tests will be in next week.

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## Local Soldier Sent to Italy

Harold E. Johansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Johansen, 9889 Carriage Road, Birmingham, was promoted to specialist 4th Class while assigned to the 80th Artillery in Italy.

Specialist Johansen, a clerk typist in the artillery's 1st Battalion near Vicenza, Italy, entered the Army in February 1962 and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. He arrived overseas in July 1962.

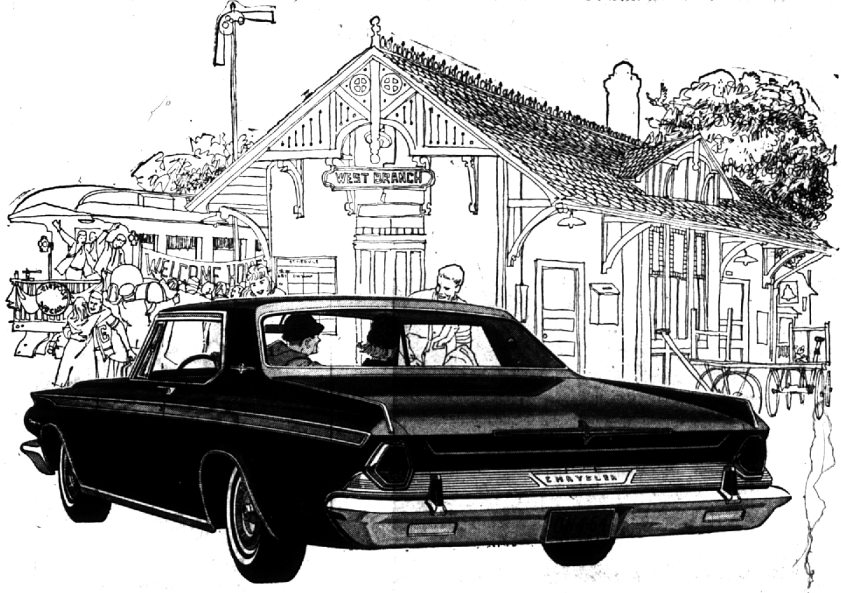
THE "SALOON STOMP", postponed because of President Kennedy's death, will be held tomorrow night. Also on this date Derby's swimming team will compete against Dondora at 4 p.m.

The Christmas Dance, planned by the Student Council, has been cancelled because of a scheduling conflict.

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